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Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Possible Government Contractor Election Law Violation

I would like to make the Federal Elections Commission, Office of General Counsel aware of the actions of one Program Manager for a government contractor. This action concerns the open political endorsement of a political candidate by a government contractor, pressure placed on employees of this contractor to attend political fund-raisers for the candidate, and subsequent pressure and threaten of termination of an employee for not attending political functions. All accounts chronicled here are my own eye-witness accounts and are not based on hearsay or second-hand information.

Jeff Stanley, an employee for Harris Corporation, is the Program Manager for the ANICS project based in Anchorage, Alaska. ANICS is an Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) project and Harris Corporation is directly contracted by the FAA for this program. For a period of nine months I was a Technical Writer contracted to Harris Corporation on the ANICS project.

In the past several months there are have been budgetary issues on the FAA side of the ANICS project that has jeopardized the continued existence of the ANICS project. As the end of May, 1998 approached, suddenly the funding problems cleared for the ANICS project. Jeff Stanley made it very clear this was due to his efforts in networking with various congressmen and senators. During the early part of May, shortly after the funding situation cleared, all employees of the ANICS project received invitations to a fund-raiser for one of the politicians named at being critical in clearing the budgetary picture. This fund-raiser was held at a beta-test facility for the Phase II aspect of the ANICS project. This facility, reportedly by Jeff Stanley, was created utilizing only privately owned equipment, Harris and it's subcontractors, and not utilizing any equipment already purchased by the FAA but not yet implemented into the system.

Throughout the week before the fund-raiser, continual pressure was repeatedly placed on the employees of the ANICS project to attend. This pressure was especially intense during the general, mandatory, staff meeting. The type of pressure that was applied insinuated that not attending this fund raiser would reflect poorly on an individual and they could be perceived as not being a team player. This, as it has been stated by Jeff Stanley on many occasions - in no uncertain terms, was grounds for termination.

Due to unchangeable obligations I was unable to attend the fund-raiser on Tuesday, May 26th. I believe that not attending this function resulted in targeting of me, by Jeff Stanley, for dismissal.

The projects I had been working on were deemed critical to the award of the Phase II contract for the ANICS project. The final Phase II negotiations were about to begin and there was intense pressure to submit at

least one publication to the FAA. After working for nine months on the projects myself, they were finally developing into submittable documents. The following week after the fund-raisers, my projects were removed from the management of a retired Colonel (my supervisor), and given to the project's receptionist. The receptionist had not demonstrated any technical, writing, management, or publication skills nor is or has she attended any kind of continuing education that may have made her competent for the position.

Upon debriefing the receptionist on the status and history of the project I was effectively eliminated from all input and effort into the project. I then began working on another effort requested by Jeff Stanley. This too, within days of the first project management reassignment, was removed from the retired Colonel and assigned to the receptionist. With the previous project, I no longer had any input or capacity to work on the development. I found it hard to believe that the only Technical Writer on staff, me, was no longer involved in any of the documentation efforts.

On Wednesday, June 17th, I was taken aside by my supervisor and informed that if I didn't show any productive contribution to the project by the end of the week my position would be in jeopardy. I repeatedly asked him what exactly I was to be productive on. Jeff Stanley had reassigned all my projects from me. Despite my repeated requests for direction all I received was a vague, "just show something."

Due to this targeting effort including almost immediate of removal of all my responsibilities within the project, I was forced to resign my contract position working with Harris Corporation on Friday, June 19th.

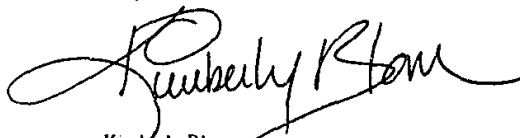
As the FEC Office of General Counsel will note, these actions on Jeff Stanley's part were taken immediately after I did not attend a political candidate's function. I do not believe that a government contractor can require employees to attend political functions in order to keep their jobs. This is exactly the pressure that was applied on the employees of Harris Corporation, ANIC's project. As it is very evident, not attending the political function had detrimental, and immediate effects on my position with Harris Corporation.

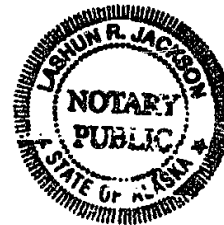
During this account I have not mentioned the name of the political candidate for a specific reason. The politician for whom the solicitations were being made was not involved or present when these actions were taken by Jeff Stanley. Nor do I have any reason to believe that this candidate was aware of the actions of Jeff Stanley. If the FEC Office of General Counsel requires the name of the candidate I will provide it.

I appreciate the Office of General Counsel's time concerning this complaint. I feel this kind of behavior on the part of a government contractor to be an issue that would concern the Federal Election Commission. On an attached sheet I have enclosed the pertinent address of those individuals that are involved. Please feel free to contact me at _____ (Alaska time, minus 4 hour hours from Eastern time) if you require any additional information

Thank you again for your time.

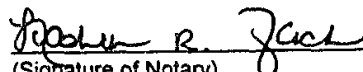
Respectfully,


Kimberly Blom



3rd Judicial District)
State of Alaska) ss.

On this day personally appeared before me Kimberly Ann Blom, to me known to be the individual, or individuals described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledge that she signed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand and official seal this 12 day of July, 1998


(Signature of Notary)
Lashun R. Jackson
(Printed Name of Notary)

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska
Resident at Anchorage
My Commission Expires July 7, 2001